

SWOSU School of Nursing Receives \$75,000 Donation

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Dr. Carl and Sandra (Combs) Hook (left) of Norman recently donated \$75,000 to the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Foundation to establish the Dr. Carl and Sandra Hook Nursing Simulation Lab in the School of Nursing on the SWOSU campus in Weatherford. Accepting for SWOSU were SWOSU President Randy Beutler and SWOSU Assistant to the President for Institutional Advancement Lynne Thurman.

The Southwestern Oklahoma State University School of Nursing will benefit from a \$75,000 donation by Dr. Carl and Sandra (Combs) Hook of Norman.

The Hooks' gift to the SWOSU Foundation will help develop the Dr. Carl and Sandra Hook Nursing Simulation Lab on the Weatherford campus.

Dr. Hook was raised in Weatherford and is a 1967 graduate of SWOSU with degrees in chemistry, zoology and mathematics. He received his MD from the University of Oklahoma in 1970. Dr. Cook has 38 years of medical experience as an otolaryngologist and is the president and CEO of Physicians Liability Insurance Company.

The state-of-the-art lab will feature manikins that simulate real, living patients. Eight total manikins will be purchased including four Nursing Annes, one Nursing Kelly, one Nursing Kid, one PEDI Blue Baby and one Nursing Baby.

"All of us in the School of Nursing want to extend our sincerest thanks to the Hooks' support in providing our students with the newest technology available to help prepare safe, competent nurses," said Dr. Barbara Patterson, associate dean of the SWOSU School of Nursing. "What a wonderful learning resource it will be for our students!"

A Nursing Anne is for clinical training in women's health, obstetrics, post-partum, wound assessment and care, and general patient care. The Nursing Kelly is designed for scenario-based training of the care and management of a wide variety of in-hospital patients.

Nursing Kid realistically represents a 6-year old child. It will simulate training for a variety of pediatric patients. PEDI Blue Baby is an articulating birthing baby with placenta, neonatal simulator and SmartSkin technology. The Nursing Baby is designed for infant scenario-based training.

Along with the manikins, eight VitalSim control units will be purchased to connect to the manikins and simulate ECGs, heart sounds, fetal heart sounds, breath sounds, bowel sounds, blood pressure and pulses. The lab will also include a birthing room warmer, Neopuff Infant Resuscitator, four Abbott IV pumps, two Kangaroo pumps and four wall suction regulators.

"As we celebrate the opening of the new nursing facility, we are profoundly grateful for extraordinarily generous friends like Dr. Carl and Sandra Hook," said Lynne Thurman, assistant to the president for institutional advancement. "A gift of this amount is indicative of the leadership that has defined Dr. Hook's relationship with SWOSU. His

support, on so many levels—advisory, volunteer and philanthropic—means a lot to SWOSU.”

Dr. Hook is a trustee of the SWOSU Foundation and a member of the SWOSU Alumni Association. The Hooks have two children: Kevin Hook and Cori Hook Loomis.